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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/GB2005/000532. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §\$1.97-1.98, submitted herewith in duplicate is a substitute PTO Form 1449 listing the references cited in the Search Report in the international phase.

It is believed that copies of the references have been forwarded by the International Searching Authority. However, this paper is being filed to make certain the examiner has copies of the foreign documents cited in the Search Report.

IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THIS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits but before either a final action under 37 CFR 1.113, or a Notice

of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311. A separate authorization for the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 is being submitted concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement.

IDENTIFICATION OF REFERENCES AND CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The following references were cited in the Search Report on the corresponding International Patent Application and were identified in an Information Disclosure Statement filed 12 June 2006. Apparently, copies were not transmitted by the International Searching Authority, and are being submitted with this paper.

Foreign Patent Documents

DE 33 23 147 A1 (in German) EP 0 826 306 A (in German)

GB 2 236 240 A (in English)

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The relevance of the above-mentioned foreign documents is set forth in the International Search Report filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed 12 June 2006 (M.P.E.P. 609.04(a)(III)). An additional copy of the Internation Search Report is being filed with this paper.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the items listed on the substitute PTO Form 1449 and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609. It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute PTO Form 1449, and return one copy to the undersigned.

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The references listed in this Information Disclosure Statement comprise the most pertinent prior art known to Applicants and their attorneys as of the date hereof. This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that the cited references are material or that no better art exists.

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